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ACTIVE IN THE FIELD OF LIPOLYSIS AND ITS MAINLY COSMETIC

USE

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed January 15, 2003, please amend this application as indicated herein.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-43 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Please add new claims 44-65 as given below.

- 44. (New) A method of testing a substance which is potentially active in the field of lipolysis, comprising the steps:
 - a) preparing a substrate, wherein the substrate comprises at least one triacylghycerol;
 - b) placing the substrate in contact with at least
 - i.) a substance which is potentially active in the field of lipolysis,
 - ii.) a lipoprotein lipase,
 - iii.) a cofactor of lipoprotein lipase, and

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